

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case, kindly  
amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 13 line 19, of  
the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

Suppression of phase change of the surface acoustic  
wave passing through the slider is not performed at the moment  
the surface acoustic wave passes the slider, as in the first  
embodiment, but is performed every moment that the surface  
acoustic wave reaches the gap portions formed by constructing  
the projection-arranged portions by a plurality of  
projections. Therefore, the phase change suppressing effect  
is improved to a greater extent than in the first embodiment  
and there is obtained a surface acoustic wave actuator of a  
higher drive efficiency.